

REMARKS

Claim 1 calls for downloading interface software when a mobile unit accesses a base station. Thus, this element of the claim requires that it be software that be downloaded from the base station to the mobile unit and that the software be interface software. Necessarily, that interface software must be software that enables the base station and the mobile unit to interface.

The cited reference to Hitchcock does not download software and does not download interface software. As explained, for example, at column 1, lines 29-34, what is exchanged is updates to the database that each of the PDA and the host system contain so that they may be synchronized. The reference does mention that instead of using a hot sync cradle, the same thing can be done using a wireless interface.

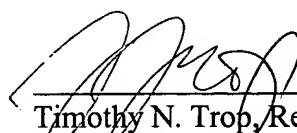
However, the wireless communication does not communicate any software and does not communicate software that could be fairly described as interface software. The material cited in the office action at column 6 merely talks about transferring packets between the two. It is indicated that the same thing may be done in a cradle embodiment that is done in a wireless hot sync embodiment. For example, in the cited material in column 6, there is a discussion of XFER PKT messages. But, clearly, these are data communications and there is nothing to suggest that they amount to the transfer of software, much less interface software, as claimed.

Moreover, the discussion in column 3 of the patent concerning hot-sync is inapposite because the hot sync process is explained in column 1, at lines 43-52, to constitute modifying and synchronizing databases. Thus, there is no downloading of software, much less interface software.

In view of these remarks, reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claim 1 and, on a like basis, the other pending claims.

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